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SUBJECT: FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN BALUCHISTAN SITUATION

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING 2-DAY VISIT TO QUETTA DECEMBER 5-6 CONGENOFF FOUND SITUATION EVEN FURTHER RELAXED IN CITY THAN REPORTED REFTEL, WITH CITY LIFE PRACTICALLY RETURNED TO NORMAL EVEN DURING EVENING HOURS. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS SIBI, KACHHI AND KALAT DISTRICTS, GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION IN PROVINCE ALSO APPEARS TO BE IMPROVING. END SUMMARY

1. AS FINALE IN CONGEN SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO BALUCHISTAN FOR 1974 AND BEFORE COLDEST WINTER WEATHER SETS IN THERE, DPO TRAVELED BY ROAD TO QUETTA VIA SIBI AND BOLAN PASS, SPENT 2 DAYS IN AND AROUND QUETTA, VISITED MASTUNG ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KALAT ROAD AND RETURNED TO KARACHI BY ROAD DEC 9.

2. THROUGHOUT VISIT DPO GAINED IMPRESSION THAT SITUATION IN QUETTA, AT LEAST, HAD RETURNED TO NEAR NORMAL. POLICE OBSERVABLE IN NO GREATER NUMBERS DURING EITHER DAY OR NIGHT TIME HOURS IN QUETTA THAN IN OTHER PAK CITIES. NO POLICE ROAD BLOCKS ENCOUNTERED AND RATHER CASUAL POLICE CHECK OF PASSENGERS IN MOTOR RICKSHAWS OBSERVED ONLY ONCE DURING SEVERAL DRIVES ABOUT CITY DURING EVENING HOURS. BAZAARS ALL OPEN AND THROGGED WITH PEOPLE WELL AFTER DARK. SEVERAL PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN, AND U.S. ARMY OFFICER-STUDENT AT QUETTA STAFF COLLEGE, CONFIRMED DPO'S FEELING OF GREATLY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE IN CITY AND ABSENCE OF INCIDENTS, LAST REPORTED OF WHICH COINCIDED WITH QUETTA VISIT OF ISLAMABAD POL COUNSELOR SCHAFER AND KARACHI CONGEN POL OFFICER MCKEE NOV 5-9 (SEE REFTTEL).

3. INFO GATHERED FROM NUMBER OF SOURCES BY DPO AND ACCOMPANYING CONGEN LOCAL EMPLOYEE ALSO CONFIRMS PRESENT RELATIVE TRANQUILITY IN MARRI/BUGTI AREAS AND IMPROVEMENT IN JHALAWAN AREA (MENGAIS AND BIZENJOS) AS "CRASH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM" INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS (PRIMARILY BY ARMY) AND DRILLING OF WATER WELLS PROCEEDING AT REASONABLY GOOD PACE IN THESE SENSITIVE ZONES. GREATLY AUGMENTED STAFF OF PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT AND STILL MODEST STAFF NEW BALUCHISTAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ALSO SEEM TO BE COPING WITH KNOTTY PROBLEMS OF BALUCHISTAN DEVELOPMENT MORE EFFECTIVELY AND AT LEAST SPENDING INCREASED CENTRAL GOVT FUNDS AS OPPOSED TO SITUATION IN PAST.

4. DURING DRIVE AS FAR SOUTH AS MASTUNG ALONG "RCD" HIGHWAY LEADING TO KALAT AND TO LONG-DISTURBED JHALAWAN IN SOUTHERN KALAT DISTRICT, DPO MET DC FOR KALAT DISTRICT WHO WAS VISITING MASTUNG AT TIME. DC URGED PERSONNEL FROM CONGEN TO DRIVE TO KALAT AND KHUZDAR AT WILL, SINCE ROAD NOW ENTIRELY SECURE. DC SAID WORK ON BLACKTOPPING OF 65-MILE STRETCH OF RCD HIGHWAY SOUTH OF KHUZDAR AND NORTH OF BELA, AFTER LONG DELAY DURING HEIGHT OF MENGAL DISTURBANCE IN JHALAWAN, NOW PROCEEDING AT A GOOD PACE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WOULD BE FINISHED WITHIN 6 MONTHS. DC ADDED P. M. BHUTTO HIMSELF PLANNED INAUGURATE THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION LINK BETWEEN QUETTA AND SOUTH BY DRIVING FROM QUETTA TO KARACHI. DC THOUGHT ROUTE WOULD BE FINISHED BY EARLY SUMMER.

COMMENT: ABOVE OBSERVATIONS ON FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT OF BALUCHISTAN SITUATION COINCIDE RATHER CLOSELY WITH

THOSE OF BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL WHO VISITED QUETTA AND  
MET WITH NEARLY ALL TOP PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS JUST PRIOR  
TO DPO'S VISIT. (MENCON FOLLOWS). AS FOR EARLY  
COMPLETION OF RCD HIGHWAY, THIS IS BY NO MEANS FIRST  
ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT DURING PAST TEN YEARS, BUT  
UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE  
THE MISSING SECTOR WILL IN FACT BE MADE SAFE AND SMOOTH  
ENOUGH TO MEET BHUTTO'S TOUR DEADLINE.  
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